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1. [redacted] North Korean conscripts from the Hamhung area were transferred to a small village in Huangin, Lioutung Province, Manchuria, via Hyesanjin, for two months of training. They returned to Hyesanjin but were sent back to Manchuria for additional general training. 25X1
2. [redacted] the conscripts were organized into the 18 and 19 Divisions of the North Korean 6 Corps.* Each soldier received a Soviet rifle. Each platoon was equipped with three light and two heavy machine guns, and four North Korean automatic rifles. Each battalion was equipped with 3 x 45 mm field guns, 9 x 82 mm mortars, 9 heavy machine guns, and 4 anti-tank guns. Each regiment was equipped with 45 mm field artillery guns, 76 mm guns, and 105 mm guns. 25X1
3. After being equipped, the troops left for the front lines on 2 February, travelling from Hyesanjin to Kaech'on (125-58, 39-40), Sunch'on (125-56, 39-26), and Namchon (126-24, 38-20). [redacted] the 19 Division command post was at Namchon. 25X1
4. When the 18 and 19 Divisions left the training site in Manchuria, each platoon was given two heavy artillery shells to transport to Namchon and was told the guns would follow. The guns had not arrived at Namchon. 25X1
5. It was rumored among the 19 Division officers that the 18 and 19 Divisions were the last organized units to leave the training area in Manchuria but that a large number of young men were being conscripted in North Korea in [redacted] for military service. 25X1
6. Commanders of 6 Corps units include the following: 6 Corps, KIM Yong-chin; 19 Division, KIM Chong-pong; 37 Regiment, YI Myong-sun; 2 Battalion, KIM Hun-kyon; 6 Company, YI Kwan-chun.
- [redacted] Comment. Available order-of-battle information places the North Korean 19 Division under the 1 Corps. 25X1

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